

Questions & Answers I
To
Solicitation Number DAMT01-03-R-0047

1. Reference Paragraph C.4.6.7.5 Accessorial Services, Dimensional Weight. We understand the concept/purpose of dimensional freight. However, could the government please clarify the two formulas given? Also, there is no specific line item listed for payment of dimensional weight shipments. How is this to be accomplished?

Answer. The reason for the two formulas is related to the Government decisions about what was a reasonable (minimum) weight to charge for space on a conveyance for air or for ground. It is essentially coming up with a calculation that tells carriers how many pounds a given cubic inch space is worth. For air, the number is smaller (e.g., 194 cubic inches = 1 lb minimum charge weight for air; 300 cubic inches = 1 lb minimum charge weight for ground) than for ground. Ground is more liberal because their space is worth less than on an airplane. This is not an accessorial, but rather, an alternate way of calculating (rather than using actual weight) the “weight” of a shipment, or partial shipment. The charge goes right in the weight CLIN.

2. Reference Section B. The spreadsheets for daily pickup at several locations don't extend. Also in regards to daily fee operations. Does the contractor make deliveries in the course of daily runs or are these routes dedicated to the pickup of DLR's for carriage to the nodes or Norfolk hub?

Answer. Please see amendment 2 for the spreadsheet extension correction. Both Pick up and Delivery will take place on the route. One set fee is expected for the route not for the function performed.

3. Reference Proposal Requirements, page 8. What is meant by, “. . . and the details of the offered prices." Is complete, detailed pricing data required?

Answer. Please see Amendment 2

4. Reference Proposal Requirements, page 9 Past Performance Information. Please clarify the function of the Past Performance Questionnaire? Attachment #4. Who sends this out and where/when is it to be returned?

Answer. The contractor will complete the first portion of the PPQ and submit to their references and the references complete the PPQ rating and submit back to the contractor and the contractor submits the completed PPQ with their proposal.

5. Reference Proposal Requirements, Page 9 Resume Requirements. How many resumes are required?

Answer. This is contractor's decision and is based on understanding of the requirement.

6. Reference Proposal Requirements, Page 8, Concept of Operations. There is a 50-page limit, (Exclusive of Resumes) Elsewhere it (C.4.1) is stated that a Draft Quality Control Plan is to be included. Is the Draft Quality Control plan excluded from the page count limit for this section also?

Answer. Yes, the draft quality Control Plan is excluded from the page count.

7. Reference Proposal Requirements, Page 8 Proposal Format. The RFP requires paper and electronic (CD or Diskette) copies of the offeror's submission. The Volume 1 requirements include originals and copies of all representations and certifications. Question, do these need to be scanned into the offeror's electronic copy also?

Answer. No.

8. Reference Paragraph C.1.2.1 and Section B. Among the several varieties of shipments listed are repair and return, expedited and carcass constrained items. These have considerably stricter transit time requirements than other categories of ATAC material and thus are readily classified as premium transportation. Obviously it will cost more in most cases to meet the stricter requirements. However, Section B does not differ among the types of shipments. An accurate price for all items must be based on knowing the actual or anticipated mix of shipment types. Obviously the current contractors know the mix of freight in their respective areas and this puts others at a disadvantage. Can these item quantities be broken down even if not priced separately?

Answer. Number of expedited shipments is estimated at 5% of total volume. Existing carriers are not currently being used for all of repair and return of movement shipments. A variety of carriers are being used by each individual shipper and we do not have complete statistics for this movement.

Please refer to the posted spreadsheet called ATAC Data provides available data.

9. Reference Paragraph C.4.6.10.3 Hard Copy Proof of Delivery and Paragraph C.4.3.4.1 Pickup Services. The first of these references states that the contractor shall maintain an internet accessible imaging system for electronic records of POD. The second reference speaks to, 'electronic copies' or hard copies of receipt documents. Potentially, there is a large variation in quantities and hence scanning workload. Question; exactly what documents are required to be preserved electronically and made available over the internet?

Answer. At a minimum, a copy of each 1348-1 with a doc id of BC1 must be captured.

10. When does the Government contemplate award and the beginning of performance for the ATAC transportation contract?

Answer. Award is contemplated first quarter of FY 04.

11. The TTC/FAK contract contains a fuel adjustment clause to address large and unforeseen changes in fuel prices. In view of the fact that this contract is potentially two years longer than the TTC/FAK contract, does the Government contemplate inclusion of such a clause in this contract?

Answer. Please see Amendment 2.

12. Cargo and liability insurance rates have fluctuated drastically recently. This contract features a relatively high level of contractor liability for Government cargo. Can the Government contemplate an insurance rate adjustment clause similar to the fuel adjustment clause?

Answer. No, the Government will not contemplate an insurance rate adjustment clause.

13. In looking at the pricing schedules in Section B and the provisions of paragraph C.2.2.2, "Changing Mission Requirements," there are about a dozen region origin-destination pairs not listed. Apparently there have been no shipments in these region pairs recently. What pricing mechanism will be employed in the event that changing mission requirements result in traffic moving in these patterns?

Answer. Solicitation clearly states that the government reserves the right to ship by other means...ref Para. C.2.2 Changing Mission Requirements sub Para. 3. Shipments not in schedule B will be rated on a per shipment basis and we will use carriers with rates on file or negotiate with the contracted carrier for new rates.

14. Reference Paragraph C.4.3.7.1 Transit Times. We have two questions. First, freight is said to be cleared daily from Travis AFB. Since the AMC terminal at Travis operates 24/7 is this a 7 day per week requirement. Secondly, deliveries of this freight are to be accomplished 2-3 times per week. How can this be accomplished with a 1-day delivery standard required?

Answer. See Amendment 2.

15. Reference Paragraph C.4.4.1.1 Pickup directives. The paragraph states that the Western Regional Traffic Manager will notify the contractor via the PUD when and where material is to be picked up. How will the notification be accomplished, Fax, e-mail, or what? Is this for all pickups nationwide or just limited to pickups in the Western Region? If this only applies to the Western Region, how will notification be accomplished for the other region?

Answer. Notification will be by carrier viewing a Web page or by e-mail. Web address will be provided at time of award. This applies to all Pick Up Directives generated. (not limited to Western Region)

16. Reference Paragraph C.4.6.7.1 Documentation of Accessorial Services. Since payment for this contract is to be made via Power Track, how are the signatures, etc. to be transmitted to the Government?

Answer. FAX transmission.

17. Reference Paragraph C.4.2.1 Performance Requirements Summary. The standards set forth in this section are considerably more stringent than the same standards for the TTC/FAK contract. In view of the costs associated with ensuring these much higher standards, will the Government consider utilizing the FAK standards?

Answer. No, the Government will not consider utilizing the TTC/FAK standards.

18. Reference Paragraph C.2.5, Item c. This reference states that the Government will provide space for freight turnover and entry of POR into government-provided software. Is there any additional information available concerning the details of the software mentioned?

Answer. Not at this time. Should training be required the government will arrange with awardee time and place.

19. Reference C.4.3.3 Rejection of Articles/Shipments. The paragraph states that the contractor may be asked for re-packaging or re-cooperage services. Please amplify on the extent of services to be provided. Will these services be reimbursed? How?

Answer. No. Anticipated repackaging or re-cooperage will consist of nothing beyond: i.e. simple repair of a package that should not take longer than five minutes with tools readily available.

20. According to pg. 37 sec C.1.2.3 of the ATAC solicitation, I should be able to access the Transportation facilities guide without a ETA password. I tried unsuccessfully several times. I called the GFM help desk and was told that YES I DO need a password. I need the TFG in order to put our bid together. Could you please check into this?

Answer. Yes, you do need an ETA password. The DOD destination business hours are available in the Transportation Facilities Guide ((TFG) database <https://eta.mtmc.army.mil/> or <https://eta.mtmc.gov>. Go to the ETA home page; select GFM; select TFG "access only" select role: "carrier"; sign-up for access to TFG. Contact the GFM help desk at 1-800-336-4906 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST, or via e-mail at etaadmin@mtmc.army.mil for assistance. Registration is required to obtain access to any of the MTMC transportation systems. By clicking on Register you will be asked to choose to which system(s) you would like access. An entry screen will prompt you for your information. Please note that fields containing an asterisk are required fields for registration. The accuracy of your e-mail address is extremely important for the registration process. After completing your registration information, you will be sent an email confirming your request. With-in 5 –7 days you will receive your password for the system.